GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Iraq has expressed its desire to seek assistance from India to develop its shipping and port sectors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI OMAR ABDULLAH)

a) Yes, Sir.

b) The Iraqi Minister of Transport and Communications, during his visit to India from July 4-9, 2001, had called on the Minister of Law, Justice, Company Affairs and Shipping.During the meeting, the Iraqi Minister invited Indian companies to participate in the development of Iraqi shipping and port sectors.

c) Government has undertaken to respond favourably to the Iraqi proposal.